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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for a
Change in Depreciation Rates for the Kewaunee Nuclear
Generating Facility and Decommissioning Funding Amounts

6680-DU-103

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to certify the Public Service Commission (Commission) determination of depreciation rates for the Kewaunee Nuclear Generating Facility (Kewaunee) and related decommissioning funding amounts of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (Company), an electric, gas, and water public utility. The Company's September 25, 2001, application requests the use of an 8.5-year life using the sum-of-the-years' digits depreciation for the Kewaunee replacement steam generators and the remaining life method of depreciation on all remaining Kewaunee assets, consistent with the depreciation methods approved by the Commission for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation in its order dated December 22, 2000, in docket 6690-UR-112. The Company also requests approval to stop recording retail decommissioning cost annuities effective January 1, 2002. Unless the Company makes application for a hearing, the Commission's certification of findings shall have the effect of an order under Wis. Stat. § 196.09(3).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator James Wagner at (608) 267-9768.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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